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Re: *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Petition for Exemption – Abandonment of Rail Freight Service Operations – In the City of Baltimore, MD and Baltimore County, MD*; STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 311X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am enclosing the Reply of the Maryland Transit Administration in Opposition to Riffin's Motion to Amend in the above-referenced proceeding.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

W. Eric Pilsk

Enclosure

cc: All Parties of Record

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The Maryland Transit Administration ("MTA") hereby submits its Reply in opposition to Mr. Riffin's Motion to Amend certain previously filed pleadings in this proceeding.

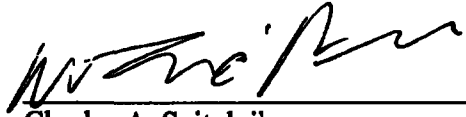
MTA opposes Riffin's Motion to Amend for the reasons set forth by Norfolk Southern Railway Company in its Reply filed on March 2, 2010. The Board has specifically and pointedly admonished Riffin that he could not act on behalf of others because he is not an attorney or practitioner before the Board. Riffin's attempt to comply with that directive – by him signing the names of those others rather than having the individuals sign for themselves – make a mockery of this Board's procedures and direct Order. Unrepresented individuals and entities must appear, and sign submissions, on their own behalf. Riffin's continuing disregard for the Board's specific direction in this proceeding should not be countenanced.

WHEREFORE, and in view of the foregoing, Riffin's Motion to Amend should be denied and Norfolk Southern's earlier Motion to Strike should be granted.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> MTA also notes that Riffin's Motion and associated submissions contain numerous misstatements of law and fact. Because those misstatements are not germane to the issue at hand, MTA will not respond to them here, but reserves the right to do so if necessary at the appropriate time in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that I have this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, caused to be served a copy of the foregoing Reply of the Maryland Transit Administration upon the following parties of record:

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